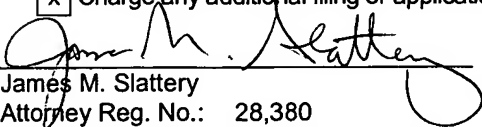




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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectively submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This paper includes Claim Set as amended and remarks.